



Chief Warrant Officer Five Ricardo “Rick” Piña

Chief Technology Officer, Chief Information Office/G-6

Chief Warrant Officer Five (CW5) Ricardo M. Piña became the first Signal Warrant Officer to serve on the Army Staff as the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) and Senior Technical Advisor to the Army Chief Information Officer (CIO)/G-6 in October 2012.

As the CTO and Senior Technical Advisor, CW5 Piña reports directly to the Army CIO/G-6. He assists in establishing and directing strategy, policy, guidance, planning, and functional proponentcy for Army worldwide current and future Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (C4) and Information Technology (IT) support during peacetime, crises, contingencies and war.

CW5 Rick Piña enlisted in the United States Army in 1990, progressed through the enlisted ranks to Staff Sergeant, and was selected to serve as a Warrant Officer (Network Management Technician) and completed the Signal Warrant Officer Basic Course in 1997.

His staff assignments have been as the Executive Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 57th Signal Battalion, Fort Hood, TX; Division Network Management and Video Teleconference Technician, 1st Cavalry Division (1CD), Fort Hood, TX; where he deployed with 1CD to Bosnia in this capacity. Upon his return from Bosnia, Chief Piña served as the Network Management Technician, 13th Signal Battalion, 1CD, Fort Hood, TX; Corps Network Management and Video Teleconference Technician, 3rd Signal Brigade, 1CD, Fort Hood, TX; Network Engineer, Directorate of Combat Development, US Army Signal Center, Fort Gordon, GA; Team Technician for the Joint Network Transport Capability (JNTC) Hub Node, Fort Gordon, GA; Corps Senior Signal Warrant Officer, I Corps, Fort Lewis, WA; and Senior Warrant Officer, Joint Network Operations Control Center-Iraq (JNCC-I) and Senior Technical Advisor to the JNCC-I Director, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF), Iraq.

His leadership assignments have been as the Message Switch Platoon Leader, 57th Signal Battalion, Fort Hood, TX; Tactical Message Switch Platoon Leader, 3rd Signal Brigade, Fort Hood, TX; the Officer-in-Charge of the Commander in Chief's Communications Support Team, 1st Signal Brigade, Seoul, Korea; and Officer-In-Charge of the Network Service Center for Training (NSC-T), Fort Gordon, GA.

Chief Piña holds an M.B.A. and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Trident University.